Amendment to the Claims

Please amend claims 3-7, 10-14, and 17-21 as follows:

- 1. (Original) A method of treating an individual who has been identified as being infected with a Flavivirus, Pestivirus, picornovirus or coronavirus, comprising administering to said individual a therapeutically effective amount of one or more glucocorticoid receptor antagonist compounds, wherein said compound has steroidal structure.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said compound has a steroidal structure free of a hydroxylated group at position 11β.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 1-2 wherein the individual who has been identified as being infected with a HCV, GB virus B, JEV, WNV, CSFV, BDV, BVDV, poliovirus, FMDV, or EMCV
- 4. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 1-3 wherein a glucocorticoid receptor antagonist compound selected from the group consisting of: mifepristone, Compound D1, Compound D2, Compound D3, Compound D4, Compound D5, Compound D6, Compound D7, Compound D8, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and combinations thereof is administered to said individual.
- 5. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 1-4 wherein mifepristone is administered to said individual.
- 6. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 1-5 wherein one or more antiviral compounds selected from the group consisting of: acyclovir, ganciclovir, foscarnet, lamivudine, ribavirin, interferon alpha-2a, interferon alpha-2b, peginterferon alfa-2a, and peginterferon alfa-2b thereof is administered to said individual.

- 7. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 1-6 wherein the individual who has been identified as being infected with a HCV.
- 8. (Original) A method of preventing infection by a Flavivirus, Pestivirus, picornovirus or coronavirus in an individual suspected of having been exposed to such a virus comprising administering to said individual a prophylactically effective amount of one or more glucocorticoid receptor antagonist compounds, wherein said compound has steroidal structure
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein said compound has a steroidal structure free of a hydroxylated group at position 11β
- 10. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 8-9 wherein the virus is HCV, GB virus B, JEV, WNV, CSFV, BDV, BVDV, poliovirus, FMDV, or EMCV.
- 11. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 8–10 wherein a glucocorticoid receptor antagonist compound selected from the group consisting of: mifepristone, Compound D1, Compound D2, Compound D3, Compound D4, Compound D5, Compound D6, Compound D7, Compound D, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and combinations thereof is administered to said individual.
- 12. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 8-11 wherein mifepristone is administered to said individual.
- 13. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 8–12 wherein one or more antiviral compounds selected from the group consisting of: acyclovir, ganciclovir, foscarnet, lamivudine, ribavirin, interferon alpha-2a, interferon alpha-2b, peginterferon alfa-2a, and peginterferon alfa-2b thereof is administered to said individual.
- 14. (Currently amended) The method of any one of claims 8-13 wherein the virus is HCV.

- 15. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more glucocorticoid receptor antagonist compounds having a steroidal structure in a therapeutically effective amount to treat or prevent Flavivirus, Pestivirus, picornovirus or coronavirus infection.
- 16. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 15 wherein said compound having a steroidal structure is free of a hydroxylated group at position 11β
- 17. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 15–17 in a therapeutically effective amount to treat or prevent HCV, GB virus B, JEV, WNV, CSFV, BDV, BVDV, poliovirus, FMDV, or EMCV infection.
- 18. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 15-17 comprising a glucocorticoid receptor antagonist compound selected from the group consisting of: mifepristone, Compound D1, Compound D2, Compound D3, Compound D4, Compound D5, Compound D6, Compound D7, Compound D8, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and combinations thereof.
- 19. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 15-18 comprising mifepristone.
- 20. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 15-19 further comprising one or more antiviral compounds selected from the group consisting of: acyclovir, ganciclovir, foscarnet, lamivudine, ribavirin, interferon alpha-2a, interferon alpha-2b, peginterferon alfa-2a, and peginterferon alfa-2b.
- 21. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 15-20 in a therapeutically effective amount to treat or prevent HCV infection.